

a front bulkhead including a vertical wall surface with an opening,
wherein a duct of the blower unit is connected to the opening for providing outside air
into the blower unit.

3. (Previously Amended) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 1,
further comprising:

a toe board having a recessed portion, wherein said blower unit comprises a leg
portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

4. (Previously Amended) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 2,
further comprising:

a toe board having a recessed portion, wherein said blower unit comprises a leg
portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

5. (Previously Amended) A method for mounting a blower unit, said method
comprising:

preparing an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel that are
vertically divided along a transverse direction of a vehicle body;

forming a unitized component by assembling at least a steering support beam and a
blower unit to the lower panel;

mounting the unitized component on the vehicle body; and

mounting the upper panel to the vehicle body.

6. (Previously Amended) The method for mounting a blower unit as set forth in Claim

5, further comprising:

preparing a recessed portion which is mounted on a toe board;

preparing a leg portion which is mounted on a blower unit and is extended toward the toe board; and

engaging the leg portion with the recessed portion.

7. (Previously Added) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:

an instrument panel including a first panel and a second panel;

a support beam; and

a blower unit,

wherein the support beam and the blower unit are assembled to the second panel to form a unitary component prior to mounting the second panel onto a vehicle body.

8. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 7, further comprising:

a bulkhead with an opening,

wherein a duct of the blower unit is connected to the opening for providing outside air into the blower unit.

9. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 7, further comprising:

a toe board having a recessed portion.

10. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 9, further comprising:

a leg portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

11. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 8, further comprising:

a toe board having a recessed portion.

12. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 11, further comprising:

a leg portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

13. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said first panel includes an upper panel and said second panel includes a lower panel.

14. (Previously Added) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said support beam comprises a steering support beam.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for mounting a blower unit on a vehicle body, comprising:

preparing an instrument panel including a first panel and a second panel;

forming a unitary component by assembling at least a support beam and a the blower

unit to the second panel; and

mounting the unitized component on a the vehicle body.

16. (Previously Added) The method for mounting a blower unit as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising:

mounting a bulkhead having an opening, wherein a duct of the blower unit is connected to the opening for providing outside air into the blower unit.

17. (Previously Added) The method for mounting a blower unit as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said first panel includes an upper panel and said second panel includes a lower panel.

18. (Previously Added) The method for mounting a blower unit as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said support beam comprises a steering support beam.

19. (Currently Amended) The method for mounting a blower unit as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the first panel and the second panel are vertically divided along a transverse direction of the a vehicle body.

20. (Previously Added) The method for mounting a blower unit as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising:

preparing a recessed portion which is mounted on a toe board;

preparing a leg portion which is mounted on the blower unit and extended toward the toe board; and

B-2 engaging the leg portion with the recessed portion.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (New) The blower unit mounting structure of claim 1, wherein said upper panel is attached to said vehicle body, and
wherein said unitized component is attached to said vehicle body, thereby minimizing gaps between said steering support beam, said blower unit, and said lower panel.

22. (New) The blower unit mounting structure of claim 1, wherein said upper panel is attached to said vehicle body, and
wherein said unitized component is attached to said vehicle body, thereby improving accuracy of fixing said blower unit to said vehicle body.

23. (New) The blower unit mounting structure of claim 7, wherein said first panel is attached to said vehicle body, and
wherein said unitary component is attached to said vehicle body, thereby minimizing gaps between said steering support beam, said blower unit, and said second panel.

24. (New) The blower unit mounting structure of claim 7, wherein said first panel is attached to said vehicle body, and
wherein said unitary component is attached to said vehicle body, thereby improving accuracy of fixing said blower unit to said vehicle body.

25. (New) The method for mounting a blower unit of claim 5, wherein said mounting said unitized component to said vehicle body minimizes gaps between said steering support beam, said blower unit, and said lower panel.

26. (New) The method for mounting a blower unit of claim 5, wherein said mounting said unitized component to said vehicle body improves accuracy of fixing said blower unit to said vehicle body.

27. (New) The method for mounting a blower unit of claim 15, wherein said mounting said unitized component to said vehicle body minimizes gaps between said steering support beam, said blower unit, and said lower panel.

28. (New) The method for mounting a blower unit of claim 15, wherein said mounting said unitized component to said vehicle body improves accuracy of fixing said blower unit to said vehicle body.
